

Public Law 99-291  
99th Congress

## Joint Resolution

To designate May 7, 1986, as National Barrier Awareness Day.

May 7, 1986

[H.J. Res. 544]

Whereas 80 percent of Americans will experience some form of disability during their lives and there are currently 36,000,000 disabled Americans;

Whereas many of these disabilities are permanent;

Whereas most persons who are not disabled do not understand the full effect of living with a disability;

Whereas this lack of understanding creates stereotypes and cultural attitudes which can bar the disabled from mainstream life just as much as physical barriers;

Whereas every American should work toward eliminating all of the cultural, financial, and physical barriers that confront the disabled: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That May 7, 1986, is designated National Barrier Awareness Day. The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.

Approved May 7, 1986.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 544:

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